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NEWS RELEASE

(Note to editors: This release was to be included in a packet of news releases about upcoming women's events on campus. We regret any inconvenience the omission may have caused.)

DAYTON MAYOR RHINE McLIN WILL JOIN UD IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

DAYTON, Ohio — Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin, the city's first female mayor and the first African-American woman to serve in the Ohio Senate, will help the University of Dayton celebrate the success of women in leadership roles during UD's first Women's Leadership Conference Saturday, April 6, in the Kennedy Union on campus. McLin will give the keynote address during lunch at the conference, titled "A Time to Shine: A New Dawning of Women's Leadership."

The conference is open to the public and will begin with registration at 9 a.m., followed by an introduction and welcome session at 9:30 a.m. in the union's second-floor ballroom. Admission is \$10 and includes a light breakfast, lunch with the mayor and four sessions on issues related to women. To preregister or for more information, call (937) 229-2229 or visit the event Web site at <http://www.udayton.edu/~stud/women>.

A pre-conference networking event, including refreshments and singing, poetry and dancing by students, will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounge and ballroom.

The conference is sponsored by UD's Advisory Council for Women's Issues and Women's Center. Oluyemi Mahoney, assistant director of educational and special programs at the University, said conference sessions will address "the unique challenges of women leaders" and other pertinent topics.

"Our major goal is to promote the development and recognition of women in leadership, to initiate conversations about critical issues concerning women in our community and to build a

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sisterhood that transcends race, religion, and socioeconomic status," Mahoney said, adding that organizers plan to make the conference an annual event.

Participants can choose to attend four of seven hourlong sessions, some running concurrently, between 10:05 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Topics include: The Yin and Yang of Title IX: Where Do We Go from Here?, The Importance of Voice: Finding Ways to Become Assertive Leaders, The University of Dayton's Women's Center Opening, Personality Style and Virtue: Implications for Leadership, Building Community: Women Leading, Slave Girl vs. Goddess: Finding the Strength Within and Women in the Academy: Leaders in Higher Education.

During lunch, McLin will address the conference theme, "A New Dawning of Women's Leadership." A native of Dayton, McLin served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1988 to 1994. In '94 she became the first African-American woman elected to the Ohio Senate.

In 1998, McLin was elected by her peers to serve in leadership as the minority whip. Two years later she was elected to serve as minority leader. She was elected mayor of Dayton in 2001.

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